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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the response and reconsideration of the claims pending in this application for the reasons set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.